Appl. No. 09/803,083

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REMARKS

Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 4-5, and 7 have been amended to depend from allowable Claim 3. All claim amendments are directed to matters of form and thus are unrelated to patentability.

Claims 4-7 and 9-13 are patentable over Wojnarowski (5,888,884) in view of Roberts, Jr. et al. (5,362,681).

Claim 1 has been canceled thus obviating the rejection of Claim 1. Claim 4-5, and 7, have been amended to depend from allowable Claim 3. Accordingly, Claims 4-7, 9-13, which now depend from allowable Claim 3, are allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 3.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claim 8 is patentable over Wojnarowski in view of Roberts, Jr. et al. and further in view of Summerer (6,537,836).

Claim 8, which now depends from allowable Claim 3, is allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 3.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

As to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

All claim amendments herein are directed to matters of Therefore, entry of this Amendment requires neither consideration of new issues nor a new search. Further, this Amendment places the application in a condition for allowance. Therefore, entry of this Amendment is appropriate under rule 116.

CONCLUSION

Claims 3-21 are pending in the application. For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions relating Appl. No. 09/803,083

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to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicants.

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